

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY (DNA)

Project Title:

North Dakota Field Office Oil and Gas Leasing DNA for July 2012

Location: North Dakota Field Office

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DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A. Background

Parcel No.: NDM 97300-L7
T. 142 N, R. 96 W, 5th PM, ND
Sec. 6: Lot 7;
Sec. 6: SESW, S2SE
Dunn County
158.65 Acres

This lease parcel would be offered with North Dakota RMP (April 1988) lease stipulations and/or lease notices as necessary for competitive oil and gas lease sale and lease issuance.

The following lease stipulations (as required by 43 CFR 3131.3) shall be attached to the parcel to address site-specific concerns or new information not previously identified in the land use planning process:

CR 16-1 (All Lands)
CSU 12-5 (All Lands)
LN 14-12 (All Lands)
LN 14-15 (All Lands)
STANDARD 16-3 (All Lands)
TES 16-2 (All Lands)

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

This DNA is tiered to the decisions, information, and analysis contained in the North Dakota RMP (April 1988) and its associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the governing land use plan for the North Dakota Field Office (NDFO). A more complete description of activities and impacts related to oil and gas leasing, development, production, etc. can be found on pages 9-10 in Chapter 2 of the RMP/EIS.

The parcel to be offered is within areas open to oil and gas leasing. Site-specific analysis was conducted during the fall and winter of 2010 by NDFO resource specialists who relied on professional knowledge of the area involved, review of existing databases and file information, and site visits to ensure that appropriate stipulations had been attached to specific parcels.

At the time of this review it is unknown whether this particular parcel will be sold and a lease issued. It is also unknown when, where, or if future well sites, roads, and facilities might be proposed. Assessment of projected activities and impacts was based on potential well densities discerned from the Reasonably Foreseeable Development (RFD) Scenario developed. Detailed site-specific analysis of activities associated with any particular parcel would occur when a lease holder submits an application for permit to drill (APD).

The proposed oil and gas leasing project would not be in conflict with any local, county, or state laws or plans.

C. Identify Applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documents(s) and Other Related Documents That Cover the Proposed Action.

Environmental Assessment-DOI-BLM-MT-C030-2011-0079-EA, July 12, 2011

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

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Yes

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No

Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

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Yes

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No

Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA documents(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

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Yes

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No

Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, or updated lists of BLM sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

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Yes

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No

Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

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Yes

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No

Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

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Yes

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No

E. Preparers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Resource Represented</i>
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F. Conclusion

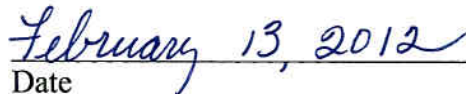
I considered this review and determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with NEPA requirements.



Signature of Project Lead/NEPA Coordinator



Signature of Responsible Official



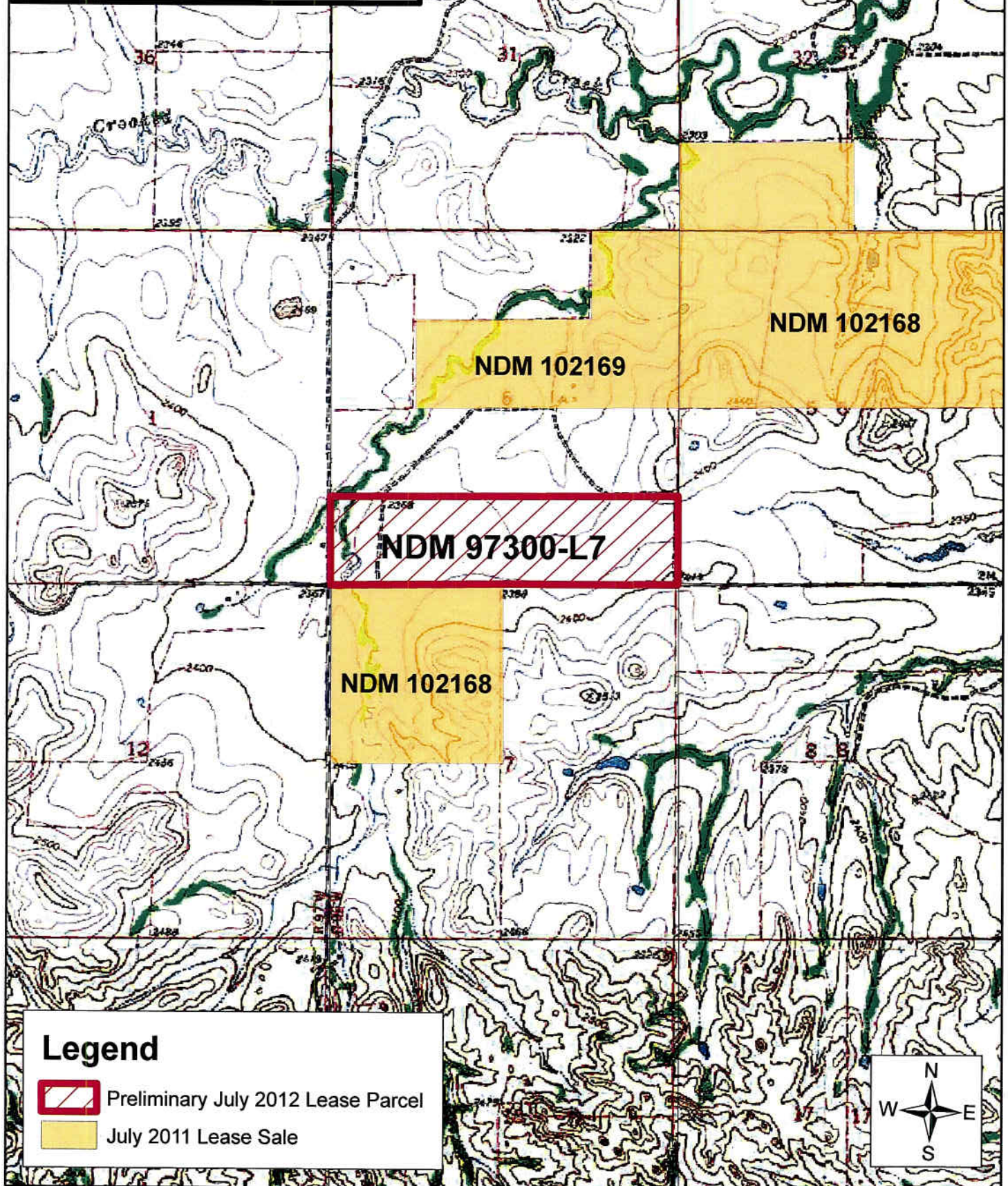
Date

The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.



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Legend

-  Preliminary July 2012 Lease Parcel
-  July 2011 Lease Sale

